

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/808,776

Examiner

Nam Huynh

Applicant(s)

AHN ET AL.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19, 25-29, 36 and 40-42.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 10/26/2006. Of the original claims 1-42, claims 25-29, 36, 41, and 42 have been amended and claims 20-24, 30-35, and 37-39 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-19, 25-29, 36, and 40-42 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention of Ahn et al. pertains to a locking mechanism that secures a mobile telephone battery cover. The object of the invention is to provide a more secure locking arrangement for the battery cover than conventional locking mechanisms in order to overcome external impacts such as from dropping the mobile telephone on the ground (page 2, paragraph 5).

The locking mechanism of Ahn et al. comprises "at least one latching member" and "at least one spring loaded locking member". The spring loaded locking member comprises spacing to "securely engage the latching member". When the latching member is being inserted into the locking member, it forces the "locking member to move against its spring bias". During this operation, the latching member comprises "first and second surfaces" for securely engaging with "a first locking leg" and "a second locking leg" of the spring loaded locking member. To release the latching member, "means for moving the spring loaded locking member against its spring bias" to allow the latching member to "disengage" from the spring loaded locking member is

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provided. The novelty of the invention lies in the structure of the components of the locking mechanism and the components operation for engaging and disengaging the latching member.

Accordingly, Applicant's claims are allowed for these reasons and for the reasons recited by the Applicant in the amendment filed on 4/4/2006 and 10/26/2006.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

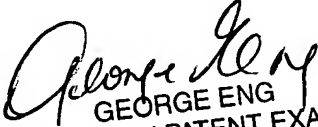
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nam Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-5970. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m.-5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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